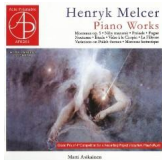


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Trois morceaux caractéristiques op.5 01. ♩ 1 d-moll. *Andante con moto*. — *Allegro*. — *Tempo I* [07:18]. 02. ♩ 2 a-moll. *Alla menuetto* [05:37]. 03. ♩ 3 B-dur. *Vivo* [04:34]. 04. *Morceau fantastique / Phantasiestück e-moll (1898)*. *Lento* [08:37]. 05. *Etude in D-dur, op. 8 (1898)*. *Allegro molto* [02:51]. 06. *Nocturne in A-dur (1904)*. *Andantino* [04:52]. 07. *Prelude in C-dur (1904)*. *Andante molto tranquillo e cantabile* [02:33]. 08. *Fugue in cis-moll (1904 — 1905)*. *Andante penseroso* [03:12]. 09. *Variations sur un theme populaire polonais (1925)* [16:56]. 10. *Quasi mazurka sur le theme W.M.S. e-moll (1903)*. *Allegretto* [01:35]. 11. *Valse à la Chopin e-moll (ok. 1904 — 1905)*. *Tempo di valse*. — *Poco più mosso*. — [Tempo I] [03:03]. 12. *La Fileuse de l'opéra 'Maria' B-dur (1902/1903)* *Allegretto* [09:06]

Matti Asikainen – piano

Melcer was not a prolific composer. His orchestral works include the two concertos found on this CD, a programmatic symphony in C minor entitled 'Four Romantic Pictures in the Form of a Symphony' that was never published and whose score and parts have been lost, and a set of marches for military band. His other compositions include several chamber music pieces, a number of miniatures for solo piano, a couple of song cycles and a handful of choral works, an opera Maria (which won the first prize of 5,000 roubles in a 1903 competition in Warsaw) and an unfinished opera Protesilas i Laodamia, and seven piano arrangements of art songs by Stanislaw Moniuszko. One of the best pianists of his time, Melcer was responsible for training an entire generation of Polish musicians, and it is for his pedagogical work that he is best remembered in his native Poland, where his works are seldom performed today. In Warsaw, the Chopin Academy of Music's chamber music hall is named in honour of its former rector. ---
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